



State of Wisconsin
2023 - 2024 LEGISLATURE

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2023 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 37

May 2, 2023 - Introduced by Senators JAMES, CABRAL-GUEVARA, FELZKOWSKI, NASS and MARKLEIN, cosponsored by Representatives TITTL, ARMSTRONG, BINSFELD, DITTRICH, EDMING, GUNDRUM, S. JOHNSON, KITCHENS, MAGNAFICI, MOSES, MURPHY, MURSAU, NEDWESKI, NOVAK, O'CONNOR, PENTERMAN, PETRYK, RETTINGER, ROZAR and STEFFEN. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** proclaiming June 12, 2023, as Ronald Reagan Freedom Day in
2 Wisconsin.

3 Whereas, on June 12, 1987, the United States had been in a cold war with the
4 Soviet Union for more than 40 years, and President Ronald Reagan was delivering
5 a speech at the Brandenburg Gate in West Berlin; and

6 Whereas, during that 40-year period of Soviet power, many people faced
7 persecution and fled to the western European nations and beyond in order to escape
8 tyranny and find freedom; and

9 Whereas, the Communist government of the German Democratic Republic
10 built a wall of barbed wire and concrete separating East and West Berlin, primarily
11 to stem mass defections from East to West; and

12 Whereas, the wall made it very difficult for people to escape Soviet Communism
13 in Germany and unite with their families in West Berlin, evidenced by at least 171
14 people dying trying to get over, under, or around the wall; and

